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Amendment dated July 5, 2006  
Reply to Office Action mailed April 5, 2006

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
**Expedited Procedure--Examining Group Art Unit 3634**

Attorney's Docket No. 23-0543/30703

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No. 10/782,116 )  
First Named Applicant: CHRISTOPHER TOWNSEND )  
Filed: February 18, 2004 )  
For: HITCH DEVICE HOLDING ASSEMBLY )

TC/A.U.: 3634 )  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 5, 2006, and in order to place this case in condition for immediate allowance or in better form for appeal, applicant hereby requests the entry of the following amendment to the application:

**Amendments to the Specification: None.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings: None.**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.